## **Suffolk County Department of Health Services**

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## Recommended Procedure for Mitigating Fecal Releases to Swimming Pool Waters

If fecal material is released into the waters of any swimming pool, the following should be done immediately:

- Remove all patrons from the pool
- Attempt to remove as much of the offending material as possible
- Add liquid chlorine directly to the pool in the area of the material and then around the perimeter of the pool so that the chlorine is distributed throughout the pool. The free chlorine residual should be brought to a level greater than 10 ppm for a minimum of two hours.
- The pool may be reopened (after the two hour period) when the chlorine residual has returned to a normal level (less than 5 ppm).